

Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

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Physical Development

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- Independently use toilet and wash hands.
- Use pencils, crayons and scissors.
- Hop, skip, and jump.
- Wait 5 minutes, such as turn taking

Intellectual/Academic Development

- Recognize and practice own name using capital and/or lower case letters.
- Express ideas with drawings and symbols or letters.
- Show an interest and awareness of books and stories.
- Identify some letters of the alphabet & understand that letters represent sounds.
- Recognize and say simple rhymes.
- Recognize words within the environment (ex: stop sign).
- Sing simple songs.
- Use numbers and counting to express quantities.
- Sort objects by color, size or shape.
- Understand time sequences – day/ night and today/tomorrow/yesterday.
- Notice, copy and create patterns.
- Understand up /down, over/under, in/out, different/alike, more/less.

Emotional/Social Development

- Be away from parents/family.
- Follow routines, rules and multistep directions.
- Express his/her own wants and needs appropriately.
- Express concern for other people's feelings.
- Respect self, others and learning environment.
- Understand how their actions affect others.
- Play cooperatively; take turns with others.
- Sit at the table and feed self.
- Participate in large and small group activities.
- Use words to resolve conflicts.



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